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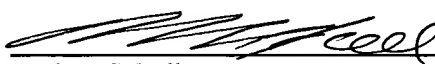
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A copy of the new figures are included in accordance with the Examiner's request. The original formal drawings were filed with the Official Draftsman.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmidh et al (Pat. 5,894,450) in view of Ambs (Pat. 6,002,648). The applicant respectfully traverses the 103 rejection as follows: The Ambs reference is not a valid